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▶ Vancouver's Vasek Pospisil serves to Roger Federer during the Rogers Cup at Uniprix Stadium in Montreal in August.

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Davis Cup coming home

Tennis Canada announced yesterday that the University of B.C. will play host to Davis Cup action between Canada and France this February. Vasek Pospisil will be among those playing in the competition. Story, page 6.

Resident urges votes for all

- **Lawyer challenges citizen-only municipal voting**
- **Permanent residents should have say in local services, he argues**

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Lawyer Scott Bernstein is a Vancouverite in every possible way.

He lives in the city, pays municipal taxes, is married to a Canadian and has decided to put down roots in this community.

The 46-year-old even works closely with various city departments through his work with the Pivot Legal Society.

But the Chicago native, like 14 per cent of the city's population, has absolutely no say in who runs the city and how they do it.

That's because Bernstein, a permanent resident of Canada, must wait at least three more years before he's eligible for Canadian citizenship and therefore isn't afforded the right to vote.

"Why aren't I able to have a voice about decisions that affect us day to day?" Bernstein asks.

He hopes that question will be put to a judge after filing a notice of civil claim in B.C. Supreme Court against the provincial government, alleging that the Vancouver Charter and School Act violates his rights by granting only Canadian citizens the franchise in municipal elections.

"I can't think of a really good reason why there is the distinction," says Bernstein, adding that non-citizens have the right to vote locally in England, Australia and parts of the U.S.

"I haven't dragged my feet (on citizenship). Municipal elections are completely different — they're about city services and water delivery, property taxes, libraries ... things that everyone in Vancouver comes in contact with."

Any action taken will be far too late for Saturday's municipal election, but Bernstein hopes he'll be able to cast a ballot in the next election in 2014.

Twitter survey

Should non-citizens who are longtime residents and who pay local taxes be allowed to vote in city elections?

- **@RBaldry:** Yes. Especially when citizenship applications take so long. In UK only national elections are citizen-only.
- **@skyedonald:** We need a minimum threshold for voting, and that threshold is citizenship, not tax paying or residency.
- **@Bill_Stratton:** No chance. What then is Canadian citizenship if not the right and privilege to vote?
- **@hummingbird604:** So, say... me, a non-citizen (yet) should be denied the right to decide who makes public decisions on my life here?

Should non-citizens have the right to vote in municipal elections? Let us know at vancouverletters@metronews.ca or on Twitter @vancouvermetro.

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Two more men allege brutality by mall security

Two more men have come forward alleging they were brutally beaten by security guards in separate incidents at a Downtown Vancouver mall.

Justin Peturson and Michael Freimark are joining three other men, who claimed they were dragged into hidden areas at the Harbour Centre and beaten by guards from Fusion Security.

Peturson said he was coming home from his construction work on Nov. 15, 2009, and was on his way to a liquor store in Harbour Centre when he was grabbed by security and told to leave the mall. He claimed in his lawsuit that he complied, but entered the mall through a different entrance approximately 10 minutes later.

"I was forcibly dragged into a stairwell, handcuffed to the railing and abused at that point," Peturson claimed.

He said he was kicked in the thigh and wasn't able to walk for a week. He said he remained silent about the incident because he felt humiliated until he read about the three other cases.

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▶ Justin Peturson

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▶ Occupy Vancouver's Yann Savard repositions a tent yesterday outside the Vancouver Art Gallery as fire and city officials enforce compliance with the city's fire bylaws.

Occupier arrested as officials enforce cleanup

Demonstrators working with city and fire officials to ensure fire bylaws are met ◐ Man sits in middle of the street, is arrested for breach of peace

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An Occupy Vancouver protester was arrested yesterday as police, fire officials and city workers made their rounds for a mass cleanup at the encampment.

Many of the occupiers remained peaceful and co-operative as city workers hauled in tarps and several unoccupied tents deemed unsafe into municipal trucks. While the scene was mostly calm, there were still some upset campers. A lone protester decided to sit in the middle of the intersection of Georgia and Howe streets, police said.

VPD spokesperson Const. Lindsey Houghton said officers were concerned for his personal safety and asked him to leave several times, but he refused.

"He was arrested for breach of peace out of concern that the might either hurt himself or cause a collision and was removed from the area," Houghton said in an email.

At the camp, Occupy's security committee accompanied fire and city officials as they made their way to each tent to ensure they were occupied, not covered by tarps and appropriately spaced.

Occupier Yann Savard, who was filming the inspection to prove their compliance, said he noticed the officials were stricter this time around and the group is doing their best to comply with the fire and city's demands.

"Every thing is going smoothly, but they seem to be rigid," Savard said. "They're actually taking the tents that don't respect the rules."

The move comes after a B.C. Supreme Court judge granted the city an interim order asking protesters to comply with city fire bylaws and authorized police to arrest anyone who interferes. The City of Vancouver will return to court today, seeking an injunction to shut down the encampment permanently.

Meanwhile, Robert Redford was just around the corner from the camp directing his film The Company You Keep.

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A new website offers help to young people who live with a parent suffering from dementia. Scan code for story.

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Eat, Fry, Love — starring William Shatner — sounds an offbeat note of caution about the prospect of exploding turkeys. Video at metronews.ca/video

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5 MINUTES WITH: DIANNE WATTS

THE RACE FOR SURREY

Once touted as a possible premier, Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts remains one of the province's most popular politicians. Known for her pragmatism and moderation, she is running for a third term in a race that Surrey's main opposition party declined to contest.

On fighting drug addiction:
I guess at the end of the day when you look at an individual that's addicted — and I've talked to a lot of individuals that have gone through various programs and come out the other side — I mostly hear, "I needed to get out of the environment, I needed the support, I needed people to help me in a positive way." I don't hear, "I'm so glad they gave me more drugs."

On government spending:
If you look at where we are in the City of Surrey, we've got the lowest residential taxes in Metro Vancouver and the second-lowest business taxes. So based on per-capita spending, if you do that analysis, we're one of the lowest in the country. We run a very lean organization here.

On TransLink taxes:
Do I like paying two cents? No, I don't, but I'm going to take that and I'm going to invest. Because it's not going to be for me. I don't need to get on a train or a bus. But my kids do, and the seniors do. So, for me, it's less about me and more about how we're going to treat the next generation.

On cars versus public transit:
There are people that will never get out of their cars. So we'll still have cars, but do you need four cars in your family? When you don't have the infrastructure and you have the population we have, you exacerbate the problem by becoming a lot more car-dependent.

On lack of interest in municipal government:
People are busy and they don't realize that the federal government does this and the provincial government does that, and we do this. So there's a lot of things we get involved in that are not under our jurisdiction. Like funding for schools. That's a provincial issue, but we've been strong advocates. And I can go meet with the premier and the finance minister and education minister. That's probably why I like it so much, actually. It's so hands-on.

On the influence of developers:
Frankly, people know full well if you have a good project I'll support it, and if you don't then I won't. Whether you want to donate money to a campaign or not, that's totally up to you.

On the Occupy movement:
I think that getting involved to effect change is better done inside a system than sitting in a tent. I understand why they're doing that, but I think there has to be more to it.

Read the full interview online at metronews.ca/vancouver

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Grassroots groups eyeing city hall

Community-based campaigns and independent candidates looking to break political cycle on Nov. 19

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The Non-Partisan Association and the Vision Vancouver/COPE coalition aren't the only options for Vancouverites.

Community-based organizations and independents are always present on civic ballots, and the 2011 municipal election in Vancouver features several underdog candidates threatening to bring high-rolling city hall back down to earth.

The biggest of these groups is Neighbourhoods for a Sustainable Vancouver (NSV), a grassroots advocacy organization that has recently transformed into a political party over its displeasure with the lack of community engagement, rampant development and an allegiance to big-money donors under both NPA and Vision leadership.

It hasn't been easy for the lesser-known candidates to capture the public and media's gaze, but NSV mayoral candidate Randy Helten says it's critical that residents pay attention to this election in particular.

"When you look at (Vision and NPA) campaign financing and policies on critical issues such as affordability and land-use, they're almost identical," said Helten.

The next mayor and council's input on the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy will set Vancouver down a defined path for the next 30 years, Helten says.

NSV council candidate Terry Martin, the former chair of the Vancouver Board of Variance, says developers have too much influence at city hall.

"The policies that have been put in place and are proposed will irreversibly change how the whole Lower Mainland develops. We're at a point of no return on Nov. 19."
NSV MAYORAL CANDIDATE RANDY HELTEN

"I think the real driving force is people who are desperate for change," he said. "We're seeing neighbourhoods destroyed and spot rezoning completely change places that shouldn't. And we're seeing the public ignored."

Pollster Barb Justason said last week that a few of the smaller and independent candidates have a legitimate shot at snagging a council seat, especially popular Green party candidate Adriane Carr.

Sandy Garossino, a former Crown prosecutor who led the successful "Vancouver Not Vegas" coalition against casino expansion at BC Place, also has a real chance to make waves as an independent candidate.

"We could end up with a real array of parties. Name recognition is a huge factor," Justason said.

"It may be difficult for Vision to produce a majority in council."

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▶ Neighbourhoods for a Sustainable Vancouver candidates Terry Martin, for council, and Randy Helton, for mayor, represent a growing segment that want to inject communities back into Vancouver's political scene.

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  Candidates James Crosty and Vance McFadyen
- **PORT MOODY**
  Candidate Mike Clay
- **WHITE ROCK**
  Candidates Larry Anschell and Lynne Sinclair
- **MAPLE RIDGE**
  Candidates Christian Cowley and J. Craig Ruthven
- **RICHMOND**
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Full answers of all candidates who responded, including yes, no and other, available at:
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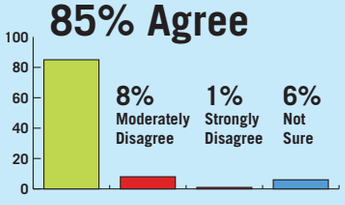

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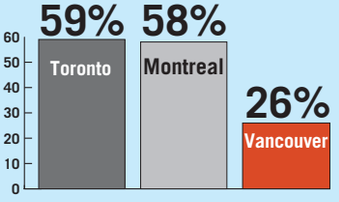

Poll conducted by Vision Critical/Angus Reid Public Opinion for CAW Local 111 September 20-23, 2011

Metro Vancouver wants More Buses Now, more Night Bus service, longer SkyTrain hours and more SeaBus sailings — that's what recent public opinion polling shows.

85% of those polled want significant improvements made to TransLink's bus and SkyTrain service, with 48% strongly in favour.

That's because Metro Vancouver bus service levels are inadequate — leading to ongoing pass ups of riders due to full buses, overcrowding and poor service despite high fares.

An Angus Reid Public Opinion poll conducted for Canadian Auto Workers Local 111, the union representing TransLink bus drivers, is clear — Metro Vancouver wants more service.

And for good reason — Montreal and Toronto have service every 10 minutes or less on 58% of their bus runs, while Metro Vancouver only has 10 minute service on 26% of its bus runs.

That's because **Metro Vancouver is between 500 and 800 buses short** of the number needed to provide adequate service.

And 87% of Metro Vancouver residents want better Night Bus service and longer SkyTrain hours because tough new drinking and driving laws have made it even more important to get a safe ride home.

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UBC to host Davis Cup matches

Canada takes on France Feb. 10-12

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Vancouver will play host to the Davis Cup first-round tie between Canada and France next year, Tennis Canada announced yesterday.

The 110-year-old competition will take place indoors Feb. 10-12 at UBC's Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre. The matchup will be the first ever tennis event held at the sports centre.

"The stage has been set to have a big impact on the game, on tennis in general, on the next generation, and this is something to really look forward to," said Martin Laurendeau, Miele Canadian Davis Cup team captain.

"We've had big success here. We know we can play really good tennis here.... We know the venue here will be perfect for us."

Canada will take on France in a best-of-five match format — the first day will consist of singles matches, followed by doubles matches and reverse singles.

Vasek Pospisil, a professional tennis player from Vancouver, is confident that playing in front of a home crowd will give the Canadian team a significant advantage over their French competitors.

"I know from past experiences playing there that the Vancouver fans are passionate about supporting their own," said Pospisil via video conference from Illinois. "We are hoping that those large and noisy crowds come out to cheer us on in February."

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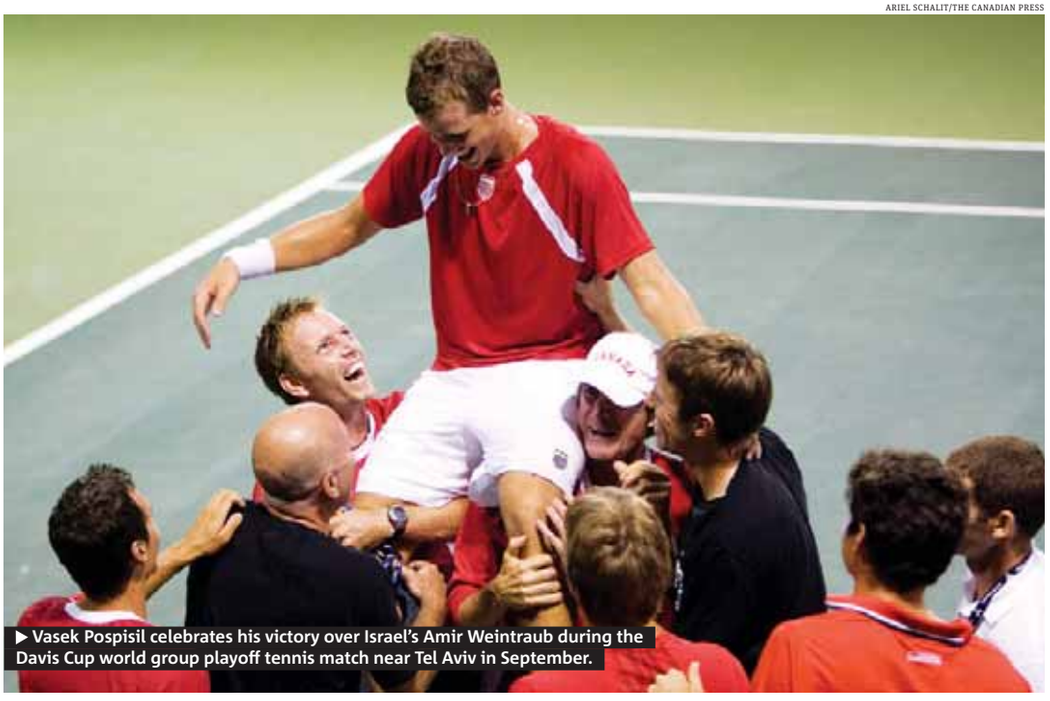

▶ Vasek Pospisil celebrates his victory over Israel's Amir Weintraub during the Davis Cup world group playoff tennis match near Tel Aviv in September.

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News in brief

Marty McFly's high-tops at Rogers Arena

ON DISPLAY. A pair of Nike high-tops, originally worn by Michael J. Fox in the film Back to the Future II, will be on display at Rogers Arena between 5 and 8 p.m. during the B.C. Basketball Classic between Gonzaga University and the University of Hawaii on Nov. 19.

KENDRA WONG

Watts demands action from port

RIVER. Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts is calling on Port Metro Vancouver to immediately approve an additional dredging of 1.3 metres in the Fraser River, which she claims will create 1,300 new jobs.

Watts and the Surrey First team believe the dredging will allow local businesses to expand their services.

Watts is seeking re-election as mayor on Nov. 19.

KENDRA WONG

B.C. renews children's watchdog

SECOND TERM. B.C.'s child watchdog — often a thorn in the side of the B.C. government over child-welfare issues — has been given a second five-year term.

Members of the B.C. legislature reappointed Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond as the Representative for Children and Youth after a unanimous recommendation from a special legislative committee.

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Referendum cost $8M: Elections BC

PRICE TAG. Elections BC says it cost just under $8 million to conduct the referendum on the harmonized sales tax earlier this year.

The agency has released its final report on the mail in referendum.

Elections BC says 1.6 million people voted in the referendum and just under 3,000 ballots were rejected for various reasons. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Province gets a C+ on water report card

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B.C. has some of the lowest water-protection standards in the country, according to a new report released yesterday by Ecojustice, an environmental organization.

Waterproof 3, Ecojustice's third drinking-water report card based on how well drinking water is protected, gave the province a C+ for the second year in a row due to its poor water treatment and testing. Alberta also fell short on the list, receiving a C-.

Ontario received an A, and Nova Scotia received an A- for their strong water treatment, testing, and protection programs.

Federally, Canada received an F for the second year in a row.

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Sedation questioned

Specialist not sure terminally ill should be sedated to hasten death

Sedating terminally ill patients into unconsciousness to ease their pain until they die is a treatment option available to doctors, but one palliative-care specialist isn't sure doctors should be able to go the next step and deliberately hasten their deaths.

B.C. Civil Liberties lawyer Joe Arvay is arguing in B.C. Supreme Court that physicians should be given the right to help seriously ill patients end their lives.

"I'm not sure that's the right thing to do in our society."
DR. DOUGLAS MCGREGOR ON SO-CALLED PALLIATIVE SEDATION

He said the safeguards in place for palliative care already provide the foundation.

Dr. Douglas McGregor, head of palliative care for the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, agreed the rules would be in place if physician-assisted dying was made legal.

"But I'm not sure that's the right thing to do in our society," he told the trial yesterday.

McGregor testified that his health-care team has administered so-called palliative sedation just six or seven times amid the hundreds of patients he's treated at the hospice where he has worked over the last eight years.

The sedation is only used to give a patient relief from pain or suffering when they're near death, but it is not intended to kill them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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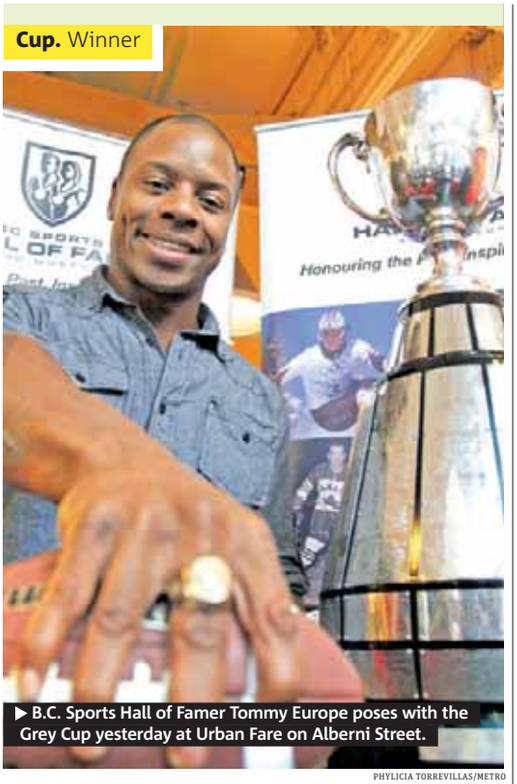

▶ B.C. Sports Hall of Famer Tommy Europe poses with the Grey Cup yesterday at Urban Fare on Alberni Street.

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Europe pushes student program

Tommy Europe, a former CFL player and host of Canada's The Last 10 Pounds Bootcamp, was in town yesterday to support the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame's Hero In You educational program, which brings stories of athletes to classroom lesson plans and aims to motivate students to achieve success.

Former NHL star opposes resort plan

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Scott Niedermayer.

The former captain of Canada's Olympic gold medal men's hockey team says British Columbia is one of the world's few remaining homes to wild grizzly bears, which is why he's speaking out against a proposed resort development near his hometown in Cranbrook.

Scott Niedermayer said yesterday the proposed Jumbo Glacier ski resort project in the Purcell Mountains of southeastern B.C. threatens valuable habitat.

Niedermayer retired from professional hockey in 2010 after 18 seasons in the National Hockey League and four Stanley Cups.

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Can't 'evict an idea': Occupy T.O.

A judge says Occupy Toronto protesters can remain in a downtown park while the merits of a city eviction order are argued in court.

Occupy Toronto protesters went to court yesterday after receiving the eviction notices and are requesting an injunction against the eviction.

The judge says the protesters can't be removed pending his decision following arguments on Friday, but added that no new structures can be erected in the park.

As police looked on, by-law officers threaded their way between tents and through the mud yesterday morning to put up the notices, which were quickly taken down.

The protesters said the city could not "evict an idea" whose time had come, and they said they planned to stay.

But some demonstrators said they would leave rather than risk confrontation with police and possible criminal charges.

The protesters took over the park several blocks east of Bay Street on Oct. 15.

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▶ Police apprehend a protester in Toronto.

Ouster raises doubts about Occupy future

New York City protesters gather to discuss options to sustain movement

Crackdowns against the Occupy Wall Street encampments across the country reached the epicenter of the movement yesterday, when police rousted protesters from a Manhattan park and a judge ruled that their free speech rights do not extend to pitching a tent and setting up camp for months at a time.

It was a potentially devastating setback. If crowds of demonstrators return to Zuccotti Park, they will not be allowed to bring tents, sleeping bags and other equipment that turned the area into a makeshift city of dissent.

But demonstrators pledged to carry on with their message protesting corporate greed and economic inequality, either in Zuccotti or a yet-to-be chosen new home.

"This is much bigger than a square plaza in downtown Manhattan," said Hans Shan, an organizer who was working with churches to find places for protesters to sleep. "You can't evict an idea whose time has come."

State Supreme Court Justice Michael Stallman upheld the city's eviction of the protesters after an emergency appeal by the National Lawyers Guild.

The protesters have been camped out in the privately owned park since mid-September.

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▶ New York City police officers keeps a demonstrator affiliated with the Occupy Wall Street movement from entering Zuccotti Park yesterday in New York.

For more news on Occupy Wall Street and its affiliate protests, visit metronews.ca

Judge's ruling

- Supreme Court Justice Michael Stallman denied a motion by the demonstrators seeking to be allowed back into the park with their tents and sleeping bags.
- The protesters "have not demonstrated that they have a First Amendment right to remain in Zuccotti Park, along with their tents, structures, generators and other installations to the exclusion of the owner's reasonable rights ... or to the rights to public access of others who might wish to use the space safely," Stallman wrote.
- New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he ordered the sweep because health and safety conditions and become "intolerable" in the crowded plaza.

News in pictures

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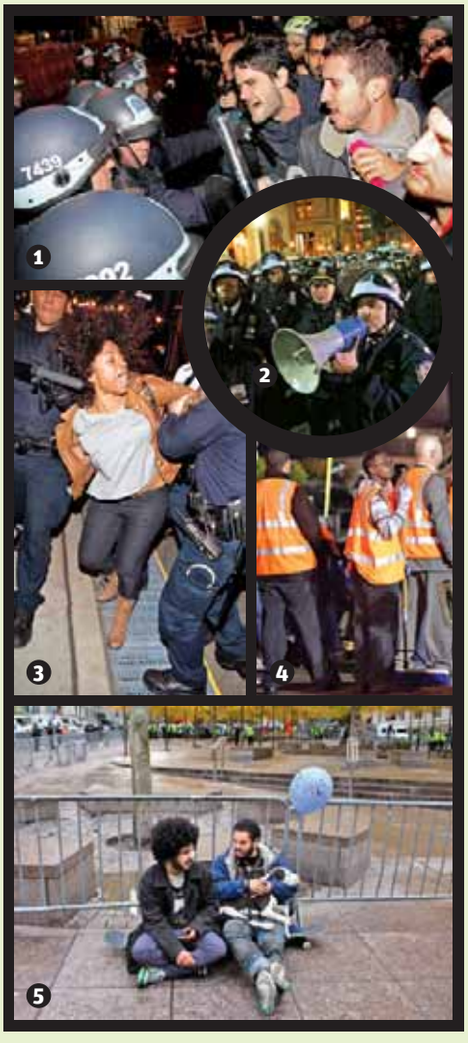

1 Occupy Wall Street protesters clash with police at Zuccotti Park after being ordered to leave their longtime encampment in New York, early yesterday.

2 Police disperse protesters near the encampment at Zuccotti Park. At about 1 a.m. yesterday, police handed out notices from the park's owner and the city saying that the park had to be cleared.

3 A protester is arrested during a march on Broadway after police ordered demonstrators to leave the park.

4 Sanitation workers gather at the site to start the cleanup effort.

5 Two protesters and their dog, who said they have slept with other protesters for the last 56 nights, sit along a police barricade at the edge of Zuccotti Park.

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Cool. Reception

▶ Protester Darren Noftall holds up a sign at a National Capital Commission photo-op promoting the capital's annual winter festival, Winterlude.

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Bearly occupied

While ice-hog mascots waved, oblivious to the protester behind them, NCC marketing chief Guy Laflamme deflected questions about the impending clash between his organization and the activists in Ottawa's Confederation Park, one of the main venues for Winterlude.

News in brief

Reporters taken into custody

NYC. Journalists have been detained while covering Occupy Wall Street. N.Y. police didn't have a count of how many journalists were arrested and didn't immediately comment.

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Memo warns of illegal arms trade

Minister quick to dismiss own department's analysis on ending registry of rifles and shotguns

Scrapping the requirement to register rifles and shotguns could fuel illegal firearms trafficking across the Canadian border, warns an internal federal memo.

It says the move would weaken import controls by eliminating a requirement for border officials to verify firearms coming into the country.

"Such a loophole could facilitate unregistered prohibited and restricted firearm trafficking into and through Canada," says the declassified memo, originally marked secret.

The memo was released under the Access to Information Act to the National Firearms Association and posted along with hundreds of other pages on the organization's website.

It was prepared by Mark Potter, a senior Public Safety Department official, for an assistant deputy minister as Parliament was debating a private member's bill to kill the registry.

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▶ Shooting Edge range officer Patrick Deegan displays long guns at the store in Calgary.

News in brief

Attack on royal website blocked

LONDON. Scotland Yard's cyber-crime unit helped fend off an attack on the official website of Britain's royal wedding in April, the division's chief said yesterday.

Det. Supt. Charlie McMurdie told a cybersecurity conference that action was taken to safeguard the site, which received 15 million hits when Prince William married Kate Middleton on April 29.

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Literary gold rush for author

TORONTO. Vancouver Island native Patrick deWitt says he was plagued with doubt about his comic western novel The Sisters Brothers when it first entered the wild world of publishing.

But that feeling is gone now that the story has struck book-prize gold, winning a $25,000 Governor General's Literary Award for fiction yesterday — two weeks after it landed the $25,000 Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize. DeWitt's novel, about two gunslinging brothers en route to California in the gold-rush era of the 1850s, was also nominated for the Man Booker Prize and the Scotiabank Giller.

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Nazi victims eye litigation

MIAMI. Thousands of aging Holocaust survivors in the U.S. want Congress to clear a path for them to sue European insurance companies they contend illegally confiscated Jewish life insurance policies during the Nazi era and have refused to pay an estimated $20 billion still owed.

A hearing is scheduled today on a bill that would provide the survivors with access to U.S. courts and also force companies to disclose lists of policies held by Jews before the Second World War.

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Murderers executed in Ohio and Florida

Two U.S. men were executed yesterday, one for killing his three sleeping sons, the other for killing a woman and her two daughters after they visited Disney World.

In Ohio, Reginald Brooks of East Cleveland who fatally shot his three sons while they slept in 1982, shortly after his wife filed for divorce, was executed with each of his hands clenched in an obscene gesture.

In Florida, Oba Chandler was executed for killing an Ohio woman and her two teenage daughters in June 1989 as the victims returned from a dream vacation to Disney World.

Brooks died at 2:04 p.m. local time. Chandler, 65, was administered a lethal injection and pronounced dead at 4:25 p.m. local time yesterday.

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Defectors ambush Syrian troops

Turkey, Jordan, Arab League fed up with president's response to uprising, ready to pressure him to go

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▶ In this image from amateur video, a boy is shown throwing an object at a vehicle as an army tank burns in Daraa, Syria, on Monday.

Army defectors ambushed dozens of Syrian troops and regime forces gunned down civilians during one of the bloodiest days of the country's eight-month-old uprising, which appeared yesterday to be spiralling out of President Bashar al-Assad's control.

Up to 90 people were killed in a gruesome wave of violence Monday, activists said. The extent of the bloodshed only came to light yesterday, in part because corpses lying in the streets did not reach the morgue until daylight.

As the bloodshed spiked, al-Assad's former allies were turning on him in rapid succession — a sign of profound impatience with a leader who has failed to stem months of unrest that could explode into a regional conflagration.

Amateur video provided by activists showed a fire at the end of an alley sending up a plume of smoke, followed by an explosion. Other videos showed tanks on streets firing their cannons and crowds of people running from the sound of automatic gunfire.

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Uganda. Unrest

▶ A Ugandan trader tries to catch fresh air through a hole in a door after police fired tear gas into her locked shop during a demonstration by traders and workers in the capital Kampala yesterday.

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Traders protest power outages

The riot police fired tear gas to disperse the demonstrators who were protesting over what they said was an inability to do their work and business due to prolonged power outages in the East African nation.

Support for Taliban drops in Afghanistan

Support for the Taliban among Afghans has steadily declined in recent years and people strongly back a government peace initiative, according to a survey funded in part by the U.S. government.

But the survey also showed a population weary of insecurity and corruption. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Charge per user, not for usage: CRTC

Decision reverses plan to use limited-usage pricing models on smaller Internet providers

The federal telecommunications regulator has rejected a controversial plan that would have allowed the big phone and cable companies to impose a usage-based billing model on Internet service resellers, a system that the Conservative government and many consumers had opposed.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's decision yesterday instead gives the companies a choice of either charging the smaller Internet providers a flat rate per user or selling the ISPs a specific amount of capacity on their networks.

"The net effect of it is that there will be no caps, no limitations, no metering of use for retail customers as a result of this CRTC decision," CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein said.

The regulator launched its review after a social media campaign launched by the ISPs and an ensuing public backlash, as well as urging by former industry minister Tony Clement.

Under the new capacity model for billing, a small ISP buys a certain amount of network capacity from one of the big providers, and if its customers unexpectedly increase their usage, their service could slow.

"If they buy too little they have a problem with their end customers, if they buy too much they pay for something that they don't use," von Finckenstein said.

Industry Minister Christian Paradis said the government would study the decision carefully to ensure it stimulated competition and investment and allowed Canadians to choose. "Let me be clear: our government's policy will always be to encourage competition, ensure consumer choice and minimize regulation," he said in a statement last night.

Independent Internet service provider TekSavvy was pleased with the structure, but said the actual rates will increase costs for consumers. "The rates approved by the commission today will make it much harder for independent ISPs to compete," TekSavvy CEO Marc Gaudrault said. "This is an unfortunate development for telecommunications competition in Canada." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

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Change of route for oil pipeline

- **Nebraska conducts own environmental assessment**
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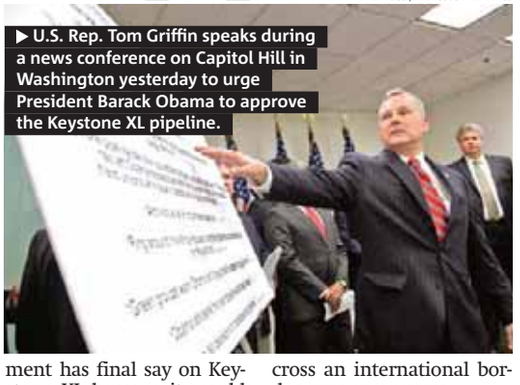

▶ U.S. Rep. Tom Griffin speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington yesterday to urge President Barack Obama to approve the Keystone XL pipeline.

TransCanada Corp. says it has reached an agreement with the Nebraska government to change the route of its proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline to avoid the ecologically sensitive Sandhills region.

The Calgary-based pipeline giant said it supports Nebraska legislation that ensures the pipeline doesn't cross the expanse of grass-strewn, loose-soil hills, and part of the Ogallala aquifer, which supplies water to Nebraska and seven other states.

The 2,700-kilometre, $7-billion US pipeline, if built, will carry crude from Alberta's oilsands to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast, traversing six states along the way.

Some of the most heated environmental opposition to the pipeline has come from Nebraska, where many residents were concerned a spill from the pipeline could pollute water they rely on for farming and ranching.

Last Thursday, the U.S. State Department heeded those concerns, announcing it would delay its decision on Keystone XL until early 2013 so that the company could come up with a new route.

The U.S. State Department has final say on Keystone XL because it would cross an international border. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Life is full of double standards, and here's one of mine: I can admit I protect (and sometimes micromanage) my daughters, 11 and 9, in a way I probably wouldn't if I had boys.

When I was dating my now-wife in high school — yes, high school sweethearts! — I used to snicker when she had to get home by midnight to turn off her dad's alarm clock. If she didn't beat the alarm, he said he'd go out looking for her, call police, call hospitals. I said I'd never be that kind of dad.

I am that kind of dad. More so because I have girls.

Why? Well, for one thing, I'm fully aware there are boys who will try to take advantage of them. Not all boys, but some.

There are also predators/monsters in the real world and online, enormous pressures around drugs and alcohol, and bullying (in recent weeks, a 10-year-old Illinois girl, Ashlynn Conner, hanged herself after being bullied at school). I know these things apply to boys as well, but I just think the implications are compounded for girls.

"The extent of our bad 'social media' growing up: crank calls and rolled-up pieces of paper (e.g. 'Johnny loves Sarah') passed around class. Now there's the quick distribution of voyeuristic photos from a party that go 'viral ...'"

It's not that I don't trust my daughters. It's that I know what kids are like. I was one. Kids are kids, not adults. They will make mistakes. They will make bad decisions sometimes. There are so many peer pressures.

What I tell my girls is we're instantly accessible whenever they're in a bind. Text us, call us, tweet us — we'll be there. No questions. No judgments. (Well, questions *will* come later.)

Mobile devices are a blessing for this generation, allowing kids to be much more accessible to their parents if they're in harm's way. But adding social media to the mix does create more trigger points.

The extent of our bad "social media" growing up: crank calls and rolled-up pieces of paper (e.g., "Johnny loves Sarah") passed around class. Now there's the quick distribution of voyeuristic photos from a party that go "viral" and Mean Girl tactics ("You're fat," "You're ugly," "You're Stupid") that don't end in the schoolyard but continue on Facebook.

We let our daughters use social media — there are many virtues to it — but monitor it very closely.

Sure kids have to have some sense of forging an identify outside their parents. We will give ours some line. But my blinders will not be on. Denial and ignorance do no good. As parents, you have to anticipate and react. Particularly with girls.

My angels won't understand all the decisions we make until they have grown into women and parents.

In the meantime, all we can do is protect them — and hopefully empower them at the same time.

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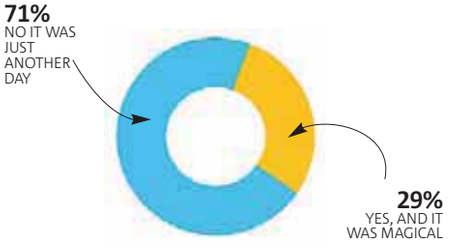

Local tweets

@Miss604: On this day in 1937 the Pattullo Bridge was opened by Thomas Dufferin "Duff" Pattullo ow.ly/7uuTD

@BruceClaggett: Empty tents at the Art Gallery have been torn down by firefighters, angering some #OccupyVancouver protesters.

@ensay151: Yesterday was my first run of the season at @Cypressmtn #vancouver Can't wait to go again!

@caitlintturner: Is there a #Muppets Midnight Showing in #Vancouver next week?

@BurrowsWingman: If Luongo can't play tomorrow, I'm confident in Schneider. Got to love the benefits of having two starting goalies! #Canucks

@PushpinderMann: Roberto Luongo misses second straight #Canucks practice !

@mcap81: CHICKEN RT @ChrisKuc: #Canucks goaltender Roberto Luongo is not practicing today with what could be groin injury. #Blackhawks

@spook_kati: is excited for the BC Lions! Can't wait until the western final this Sunday! GO Lions GO!

Letters

Dear mayoral candidates, and other elected officials in the city of Vancouver: Stop hiding behind acronyms, show us your humanity, and understand that the movement felt around the world is not going away.

It is a causal flaw in the machinery of our economic system that will not allow any current desirable progress without first addressing the symptoms directly. Occupy Vancouver is a cog in the machine that does not need greasing, but needs redefining and remachining so that we can all move forward together. If you want to garner our votes instead of putting fundamental issues aside until after Nov. 19, then you will look at what this movement has become and what it represents in this city.

The 99 per cent are screaming to be heard, and in Vancouver they are letting you know that basic human necessities are not being afforded to all our residents. So, I ask you, why are you so worried about shutting this movement down instead of finding a space that is owned by the city that is not being used for a relocation of this "tent city."

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WEIRD NEWS

Trimming the cost of a haircut

One Ohio barber has turned the price of a haircut on its head.

After a mortgage crisis, macro-unemployment, stock-market tumbles and poor consumer confidence, Gregory Burnett is only charging people what they can afford for a haircut, according to the Canton Repository newspaper.

After his usual back-to-school rush failed to show, he put up a sign that says, "TIMES ARE HARD WHAT CAN YOU PAY FOR A CUT."

He has accepted as little as $5 for a regular $12 haircut, the newspaper reports.

The owner of Old School Barber Shop said he named his shop for that mantra.

"Old school is making something out of nothing," Burnett told the Repository.

The 56-year-old has been a working man all his life by doing service jobs: shining shoes, driving cabs, and for the last 25 years he has worked as a hairstylist and barber, the Repository says.

And now that he has his own barber shop, he still shines shoes. Although it's $5, and that's non-negotiable.

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▶ Happy Feet Two dances into theatres this weekend.

Much ado about penguins

From March of the Penguins to Farce of the Penguins to the return of Happy Feet, it's hard to toss a fish without hitting one at the movies But who is the most famous penguin of all?

IN FOCUS

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At the start of the animated penguin picture Surf's Up, Cody Maverick (the voice of Transformer's star Shia LaBeouf) takes a shot at another cartoon tuxedoed bird movie.

Asked if he has any other skills besides surfing. Cody sarcastically says, "Like what? Singing and dancing?"

Of course, he's referring to Happy Feet, the Oscar winning movie about an Emperor Penguin who can't find his soul mate the usual way — through song — so he uses his other talent — tap dancing.

The musical penguins of Happy Feet shim shammed their way to huge box office in 2006, and will paddle and roll their way back into theatres again this weekend in Happy Feet Two.

For a while, it seemed like you couldn't swing a herring without hitting a penguin at the movies.

March of the Penguins, a real-life look at the migration march of Emperor penguins to their traditional breeding ground, was a left field hit in 2005. The winner for Best Documentary not only out grossed all the nominees for Best Picture that year — it took in $77 million vs. $75 million for Brokeback Mountain — but also became the second highest grossing theatrical documentary after Fahrenheit 9/11.

The musical penguins of Happy Feet shim shammed their way to huge box office in 2006, and will paddle and roll their way back into theatres again this weekend in Happy Feet Two.

It was such a huge hit it inspired an R-rated parody, Farce of the Penguins. Featuring the voices of Samuel L. Jackson, Jason Alexander and Christina Applegate, it's an R-rated spoof that imagines what sex-starved penguins might talk about on the 70 mile walk to their mating grounds.

"I am tired of the club scene," says one penguin. "So are the baby seals!" replies another.

More family friendly was Madagascar, the story of four Central Park Zoo animals who get stranded on the island of Madagascar. The movie featured a large menagerie of characters, but the zoo's penguins, Skipper, Kowalski, Rico and Private, proved to be audience favorites. They have most of the movie's best lines — on landing in Africa one of the flightless birds says, "Africa? That ain't gonna fly!" — and were featured in a short film, The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper, a TV series and video games.

Probably the most famous penguin character in the movies is Oswald Cobblepot a.k.a. The Penguin, as played by Danny DeVito in Batman Returns.

This super villain is human, but dresses like a penguin, eats raw fish and tries to conquer Gotham with an army of specially trained penguins.

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Queen

More than a dozen Canadians are still in the running to go on a tour organized by drummer Roger Taylor of the classic rock band Queen. He organized web auditions to find a five-piece cover band and three vocalists to perform classic Queen tunes. Lead singer, Freddie Mercury, shown, died in 1991.

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‘The most unique experience I’ve had as an actor’

Keifer Sutherland opens up about working with controversial director Lars von Trier in Melancholia

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▶ Kiefer Sutherland stars in Melancholia. The film centres around a new planet that “threatens to collide into the Earth,” according to IMDB.

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The apple, as they say, doesn’t fall far from the tree.

Not only has Kiefer Sutherland followed the famous footsteps of his parents, Donald Sutherland and Shirley Douglas, into the acting biz but he seems to have also inherited some of the fire of his grandfather.

When I compliment Sutherland on his glasses, a pair of retro-looking heavy frames, his passion flares.

“In the ’30s Roosevelt made a deal between Moscot and the federal government,” he says.

“Anybody who needed glasses during the great depression got these glasses for free. They made millions of them. So anyone who says there was never a National Healthcare in the States is a liar. That was the first national healthcare program where they provided glasses for free for the entire country.”

Echoes of his grandfather, Tommy Douglas the father of Canadian health care, hang in the air.

He’s equally passionate when he speaks of his admiration for his latest director, Lars von Trier, the controversial filmmaker behind Melancholia.

“I have a great affection for Lars,” he says. “I’ve done 80 some odd films. I’ve done 198 episodes of 24, which is the equivalent of another 100 movies and this was the most unique experience I’ve had as an actor.”

Von Trier, the outspoken Danish director broke down the way his actors were used to working, doing away with lengthy rehearsals and traditional blocking.

Sutherland explains how, on his first day of shooting, von Trier threw him and a co-star into a complicated scene.

“He walks Charlotte Gainsbourg and I to a door. He says, ‘OK this is the room. I want you to play this scene on the other side of this door. We’re all set and ready to go, and you just go do it.’”

When Sutherland objected von Trier told him to, “Stop talking.”

“We went and did the scene and he deconstructed everything I’ve learned as a technical actor,” he says.

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KIEFER SUTHERLAND ON WORKING WITH DIRECTOR LARS VON TRIER

“John Hurt has my favourite line in the entire movie. He’s dancing and I’m walking with all the drinks for the table. As I walk by he says, ‘I have no idea what I’m doing!’ We all felt like that. I don’t know what I’m doing either! And that’s exactly how Lars wanted it. That was the spirit of it. It’s something that I will carry with me for the rest of my career.”

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Drake on making sure to Take Care

The Toronto rapper dishes on trying to prevent an album from leaking, A-list guest stars and balancing philosophy and party rhymes

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When Drake found out his latest album, Take Care, had leaked online a week before its release, he took to Twitter and in a very practical tone wrote to his four million followers, "Listen, enjoy it, buy it if you like it...and take care until next time."

This pragmatic response is telling of Drake's approach. On Take Care, he frequently raps about what he observes with a sense of both realism and optimism.

This is present most in songs like, We'll Be Fine, and HYFR, where he says, "I learned working with the negatives could make for a better picture."

Is it just a given that an album will always leak before it comes out, or do you actually try to figure out where the leak came from?

Nah. You know, my last album leaked like 28 days before it came out and that was kind of devastating. I don't know necessarily know how it happened but I feel that if leaks are somewhat contained — like if your album leaks six or seven days before it's supposed to come out — I never see it as detrimental or that damaging. First of all, I'm an artist that was birthed in the generation of leaks on the Internet, so I'm not really trippin' when the album comes out a little bit before the release date. But when people get it like two to three or four weeks before, that's when it's hard. I mean, some music doesn't even last two weeks anymore. People's interest levels switch so quickly. I was cool with it though, to be honest, as cool as I could be. Obviously, I wish that they could all hear it at the same time, on the day that it drops, but I think that unfortunately with the access that everybody has to music, I think that's just unrealistic unless you drop solely digital, which affects your sales, so it's a toss-up.

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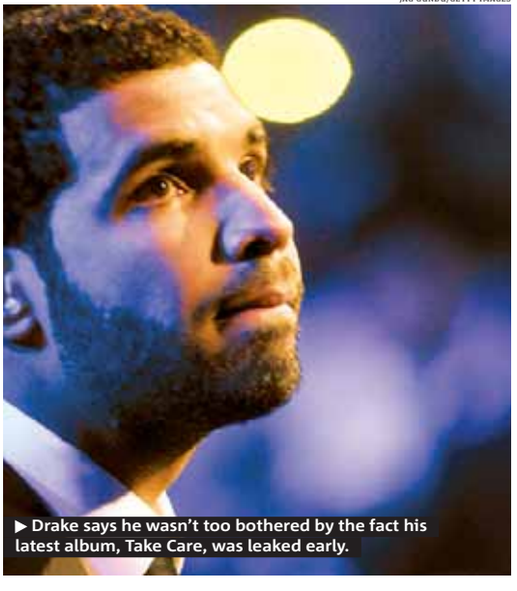

▶ Drake says he wasn't too bothered by the fact his latest album, Take Care, was leaked early.

You knew for more than a year that this album was going to be called Take Care. How did you decide that so early on in the process?

We came up with it when we were touring in Europe with Jay-Z, and we were all on the bus together and we came up with this name, and as the months went on, it just got stronger and stronger. It just started having more meaning, more impact, and I started hearing it more and realized that it's kind of an infectious title. I was pretty much sold on it. There was never a point where I was like, 'Oh, I need a new album title' or anything.

You have a lot guest stars on this album. There's Lil Wayne, Rick Ross, Nicki Minaj, Rihanna and even Stevie Wonder. I was surprised though that you didn't have Stevie sing. Instead you just had him play his signature harmonica.

I think that the record, the way it was, was done already when he was listening to it. Vocally, we had tracked it out, and me and him have these other plans for a record where we sing together. We've been talking about it for a while now. And I thought this was more of an interesting way to incorporate him in the album, as almost like a musical contributor and a musical guide. He added some great things to that song and I thought that was cool as opposed to having a blatant feature.

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The grandiosity of gore

The Walking Dead has thrust special effects wizards back into the spotlight It's truly a world unto itself

Transforming ordinary humans into flesh-eating, mindless zombies for AMC's monster hit The Walking Dead involves a fair bit of Hollywood magic, to be sure. But makeup master Greg Nicotero orchestrated his own remarkable transformation with a leap to the director's chair for the show's second season.

The special effects wizard — whose diverse slate of movie projects include Inglourious Basterds, The Green Mile, Sin City, The Pacific and the Kill Bill series — helms an upcoming episode that marks a new benchmark in his gruesome career.

The broadening appeal of horror and fantasy fare is helping gross-out geeks like him find notoriety in the mainstream, and even snag high-profile projects of their own, he says.

"I think what's interesting about it is (we're in) a situation where guys who love and respected the genre when they were younger are now well-placed in the industry," Nicotero says in a recent interview from the set of The Walking Dead.

"Between (directors) Sam Raimi and Frank Darabont and Quentin Tarantino, Robert Rodriguez — we all had the same diet when we grew up, and that diet was loving to watch old Ray Harryhausen movies and reading Famous Monsters Magazine. It was just this kind of weird shared existence we all had when we were younger."

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▶ The Walking Dead has become known for its gory effects.

Nicotero and his prolific effects company KNB EFX Group are featured in a new documentary from Canadian filmmaker Donna Davies called Nightmare Factory. It profiles a group of craftsmen who pour their hearts and souls into detailed prosthetics, even as much of the industry is increasingly turning to computer-generated spectacles.

"They can sometimes take six months to build an effect that will be on screen for three seconds."
DONNA DAVIES

"They can sometimes take six months to build an effect that will be on screen for three seconds," Davies says of Nicotero and his partners.

"These are sculptors, painters, artists, line craftsmen — it's not just about sitting down and hitting a button and there it is. And I think you can feel that when you watch the shows."

Davies, whose other TV docs have included Zombiemania and Pretty Bloody: The Women of Horror, was fascinated by the reverence effects artists have for filmmakers who came before them. She notes Nicotero learned his craft from '80s splatter wizard Tom Savini (Friday the 13th, Day of the Living Dead).

"It's a process where you learn under the direction of another master and that doesn't exist in the film industry very much, or in any other industry in the arts as much."

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Get off the ledge — Community is not cancelled

Despite rumors that spread like wildfire on the Internet Monday evening, NBC's Community has not been cancelled.

The comedy show, which stars Joel McHale, was not on the NBC's midseason renewal plans, but The Hollywood Reporter said that the show was not cancelled.

After Community enthusiasts started to panic thinking the show was cancelled, Brain Stelter, a New York Times reporter that covers television and digital media tweeted the following:

"Community is definitely not cancelled."
BRIAN STELTER

"Community is definitely not cancelled. NYT's Bill Carter says, two cubicles over. 'NBC says it'll be off the air for only a brief time.'"

While the show is on NBC's prime Thursday night slot, it's no secret it's struggling.

According to MSNBC.com the show's most recent airing attracted 3.5 million viewers, which is just short of its season low.

Community airs on Citytv in Canada.

And for those who care to know, Prime Suspect was not cancelled either.

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You can stop writing that angry email — Community has not been cancelled.

Life on Mars to life with dinos

Jason O'Mara has an accidental penchant for playing cops who don't live in the present He currently stars on the Spielberg-produced Terra Nova

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Irish actor Jason O'Mara is back on network television in Terra Nova, Fox's massive, Steven Spielberg-produced sci-fi series about humans from a burned-out future colonizing the distant past in a parallel universe.

In it, O'Mara stars as Jim Shannon, a cop and family man making a new life in a jungle overrun with dinosaurs. His last TV gig, Life on Mars, was also about a time-travelling cop, coincidentally, but O'Mara insists he's not trying to make that his niche.

After Life on Mars and this, are you secretly thinking about the next time travel-based role you'll take on?
No (laughs). It was a fluke, really. I didn't do it because it was another cop travelling through time — I did it in spite of that. It's an exciting premise and I thought an exciting world, and the idea of a future civilization wrestling with a Cretaceous one was fascinating to me and something that isn't really on TV, so I couldn't say no because of that. But they didn't think I was going to do it because it was another cop travelling through time. I did it in spite of that, and I think the next things I do, whether I'm a cop or not, will be more in the real world.

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▶ Jason O'Mara

Were you wary of going back into a network show after Life on Mars?
Yeah, I was. I was quite wary — and quite gun-shy of playing a lead in a prime-time network series again because Life on Mars exhausted me. But this had a world around it. It wasn't just about one man's journey, it was about him and his family, and then you meet this other character who's just as interesting if not more so. There's a lot of characters' journeys around you, so I knew I wasn't going to be working every scene every day, which is what gets you down when you're doing TV.

So what can you reveal about what's coming up for the rest of the season?
We just recently revealed a few things, like one of the beloved characters is going to be dying by the end of season one, and that a dinosaur would die by the end of season one, and that the season finale was going to be pretty spectacular, that there was going to be a lot of explosive events. You know, I got into trouble from a lot of these people. A lot of my Twitter followers were like, "Don't spoil it! What are you doing? You're killing us. We want to be surprised." But I don't know, sometimes it's good to tease, but people don't like to be spoiled.

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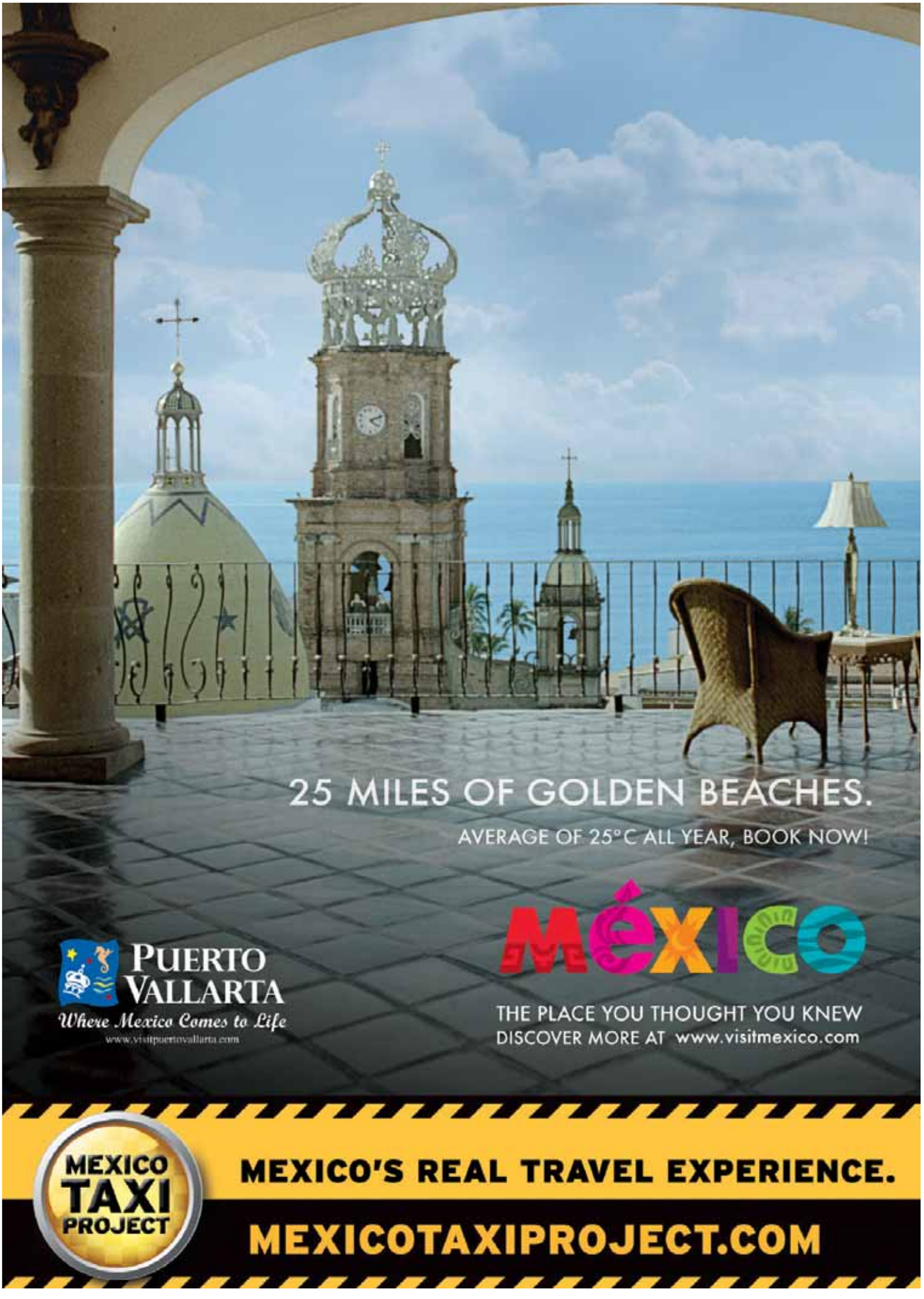
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Patti LaBelle accused of screaming at a toddler and punching its mother

If you are a baby and happen to come across singer Patti LaBelle, it's best if you pull up your diaper, grab your rattle, and crawl right out of there.

It was disclosed yesterday in a lawsuit filed in Manhattan Supreme Court that the singer screamed obscenities at a toddler and threw a punch at the baby's mother (who also happens to be a school teacher) sometime this year.

The mother, Roseanna Monk, is now suing LaBelle, who was living in her Manhattan apartment building while appearing on Broadway's Fela. Apparently, this is what happened, according to Monk's lawyer, reports The New York Daily News: The 18-month-old toddler, named Genevieve, was "scampering" around the apartment building's lobby when LaBelle, who is described as being in "full star regalia with oversize shades and a fur coat" became upset at the baby as she walked through.

"'What are you doing letting your kid run around like that?' she reportedly yelled. And then, according to the lawyer yet again, 'started screaming at my client, throwing water from a bottle at the mother's face and the baby's face.'"

As if that wasn't enough, LaBelle then took a swing at the baby's mother.

She then was shoved into a waiting car by her entourage and the baby "violently" threw-up.

So far, LaBelle hasn't responded to the allegations.

She's probably too busy not-babysitting to do so.

And in other baby news...

Christina Applegate might not want to have LaBelle as a guest star on her TV show Up All Night anytime soon.

As she tells The View, having her nine-month-old daughter Sadie around was a priority when deciding to do the new NBC show.

"My whole thing was, 'I'm not doing this unless I can bring her.' So they had to build me a room for her and it's got her toys and a crib and she takes her naps there," the actress explained. "That's called a crazy mother who said, 'No, I'm not doing anything unless I can be with my baby.'"

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Jay-Z: I'll change our baby's diapers

▶ Jay-Z

Jay-Z says his own experience of his father leaving when he was 11 had a lasting impact on him.

"If your dad died before you were born, yeah, it hurts, but it's not like you had a connection with something that was real," Jay-Z tells GQ magazine.

"My dad was such a good dad that when he left, he left a huge scar. He was my superhero."

The rapper is currently expecting a daughter with wife Beyoncé Knowles, and his main priority is being there for his child.

"Providing — that's not love. Being there — that's more important," he says.

"My dad was such a good dad that when he left, he left a huge scar. He was my superhero"
JAY-Z

And does being there mean changing diapers once the little girl arrives?

"Of course, of course," he says. "One hundred per cent."

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Twilight cast wasn't tight: Nikki Reed

▶ Nikki Reed

With the first part of the Twilight finale hitting theatres, actress Nikki Reed is opening up about the less-than-familial atmosphere amongst the cast.

"In the beginning, it was innocent and fun, and we were like one big happy family. It was like being at sleep-away camp," Reed tells Seventeen magazine.

"Success came along and changed the dynamic. We're not all best friends, and we're not all going to hang out together after the final movie is done."

And watching her co-stars' relationships fall apart once filming stopped wasn't the easiest thing.

"It was very, very sad. Let's just leave it at that," she says. METRO

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Escape the resort

The beach and a trashy novel are great for a few days, but when tanning gets old, you might want to see what's outside the resort walls Puerto Plata's It Zone has the answer

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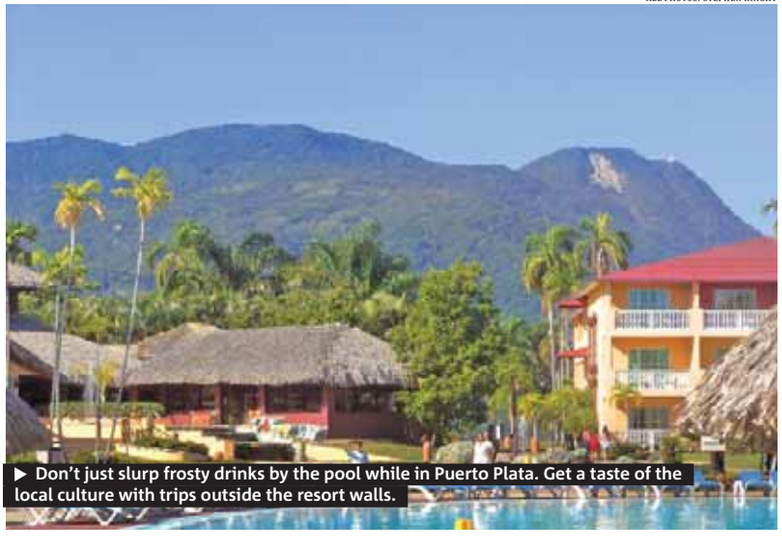

Don't just slurp frosty drinks by the pool while in Puerto Plata. Get a taste of the local culture with trips outside the resort walls.

We could all use a little quality time in the sun and a dip in the ocean, especially as another long Canadian winter approaches.

But if you're like some of the thousands of Canadian travellers who flock to this Caribbean island nation of 10 million people each year, you want the all-inclusive travel experience to be about more than just sitting around the resort all day with the latest Danielle Steel/John Grisham novel.

That's where the It Zone comes in. Launched in November by Nolitours (a member of Transat A.T. Inc.), the It Zone is designed for travellers to Puerto Plata who enjoy the home base of an all-inclusive resort — ours was the scenic Be Live Grand Marien — but who are eager to get in touch with the local culture, try some outdoor adventure activities and check out the nightlife.

Eat

A recent tour gave a group of Canadian journalists a close-up glimpse of life outside the perimeter, but first we had to fuel up with an intimate dinner at chef Rafael Vásquez Heinsen's Mares Restaurant and Lounge. Vásquez Heinsen's shaded backyard terrace serves as the main dining area, and the lobster is fresh from the ocean that day.

Monkey business

The next day, a short drive outside Puerto Plata, in Sosua, is the Monkey Jungle, run by the husband and wife team of Chuck and Candy Ritzen. The American expats have hit on an innovative business model that contributes to the economy, creates jobs and provides basic dental and health care to the local population.

Monkey Jungle is home to 15 protected squirrel monkeys and six Capuchin monkeys, with a care provider who was formerly with the Toronto Zoo. You can walk through the squirrel monkey habitat and the curious simians just hop on your shoulders for a ride. It's the first time I've literally had a monkey on my back.

You can also zip-line through seven stations totaling 4,400 feet and, before the last zip, descend on a cable from a platform into a cave; sort of like zip-lining, but vertically. The Ritzens have a self-sustaining operation where they use the profits from the zip-lining and monkey jungle activities to fund the health clinic on the premises.

Sustainable tourism

The idea of sustainable tourism has also been taken up by tour companies. Transat A.T. Inc. partners with SOS Children's Villages, which provides caring, village-style group homes for orphaned, abused or abandoned children.

We were given a tour of the village in Santiago de los Caballeros, about an hour from Puerto Plata. The smiling kids were curious, and a spontaneous game of baseball, the national sports obsession, broke out using a stick and a ball of rolled-up tinfoil.

Go big, or go home

If it's true you have to go big or go home, then Ocean World is a must-see before you head back to the Great White North.

Open since 2004, the massive ocean-side complex features interactive activities with dolphins, sharks and stingrays as well as exhibits with everything from tigers to toucans.

In terms of size, the place filters six million litres of seawater an hour.

Now put that book down and go!

If you go...

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Travel in brief

A new 200-kilometre highway in the Dominican Republic, from the capital Santo Domingo to tourist hot spot Punta Cana, will make it easier for visitors to explore the Caribbean country. The divided highway, which has been under construction for the last four years, was completed earlier this year from Santo Domingo to La Romana on the south coast, significantly reducing travel times between the two cities.

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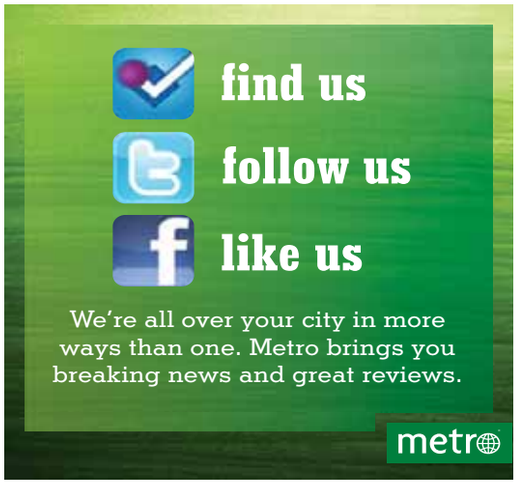
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This recipe makes four servings.

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Each bite of this Pizza Stuffed French Toast will give you the gooey taste of pizza in a sandwich. The egg and cheese mixture adds great flavour that kicks up a classic.

Preparation:

1. Lay bread slices on work surface and spread with pizza sauce. Top half with 1 slice of the mozzarella, then pepperoni, pepper and mushrooms, if using. Place remaining cheese on top. Top with remaining bread slices; set aside.
2. In shallow dish, whisk together eggs, milk, cheese, oregano, salt and pepper. Dip sandwiches into egg mixture, turning to soak up the egg mixture.
3. In non-stick skillet, melt butter over medium heat and cook sandwiches, turning once for about 4 minutes per side or until brown and crisp and cheese is melted. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA/ ONTARIO EGG FARMERS**

Ingredients:

- 10 slices (1/2 inch/1 cm thick) Italian loaf
- 1/3 cup (80 mL) pizza sauce
- 35 slices pepperoni
- Half green pepper, thinly sliced
- 3 mushrooms, thinly sliced (optional)
- 10 slices mozzarella
- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup (80 mL) milk
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried oregano leaves
- Pinch each salt and pepper
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) butter

Drink of the week

Hail Caesar

The classic Caesar calls for vodka and a celery salt rim, but go ahead and cross the Rubicon with some bold experimentation. Try making one with gin or tequila, add fresh horseradish or beef broth, and garnish with celery, spicy beans or even a chicken wing.

- 1.5 oz bourbon whisky
- 6 dashes Tabasco Sauce
- 6 dashes Worcestershire sauce
- .25 oz lemon juice
- dash of olive brine
- Orange slices
- Clamato, to top

In a highball rimmed with Jamaican jerk spice and filled with ice, add all ingredients but Clamato. Top with Clamato, and stir.

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Career advice from a Headhuntress

High-profile headhunter Wendy Doulton shares her top job-hunting tips with Metro Her Bravo special, The Headhuntress, gives an inside look into finding the best talent

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▶ Target the right job with Doulton's job-hunting tips.

A meeting with Wendy Doulton isn't easy to come by.

As a headhunter for high-profile clients such as Amazon, Gap and Sony, she's responsible for finding the best talent to fill positions that command paychecks beginning in the six figures.

Viewers got a sneak peek into what Doulton's looking for in a Fortune 500 executive when her Bravo special, The Headhuntress, aired this week.

While she's the perfect reality star — successful, intense and quick — she was more than gracious when we asked her to share some career advice. Here's how to land on Doulton's radar.

Know what you offer

"My foundational coaching is to know who you are and know what you bring to the party," says Doulton. "Pay very close attention to anything that affects your mood — positively or negatively — and let that inform you."

Interview your interviewer

Interviews go both ways. "The trick here isn't to answer the question right, it's to get the job that's right for you," she says.

"It's like a date: 'Does he like me, does he like me?' Well, do you like him? Do you want to have coffee and breakfast with him every day of your life?"

Be positive

The poor job market makes headlines, but Doulton hasn't seen a dip in business. "I'm recruiting for companies all the time. Attitude is everything — if you want to sit around and say, 'There are no jobs out there,' you'll be right."

Answer the question

Even if you don't have the right answer to an interviewer's question, get to the point — and don't take your time.

"Don't skirt around the question. People do that all the time, even when they do have a good answer. And I think it's because they have these things that they think they need to say."

And answer it honestly

It's important to come across as genuine and put things out in the open before you get offered a position that isn't right for you.

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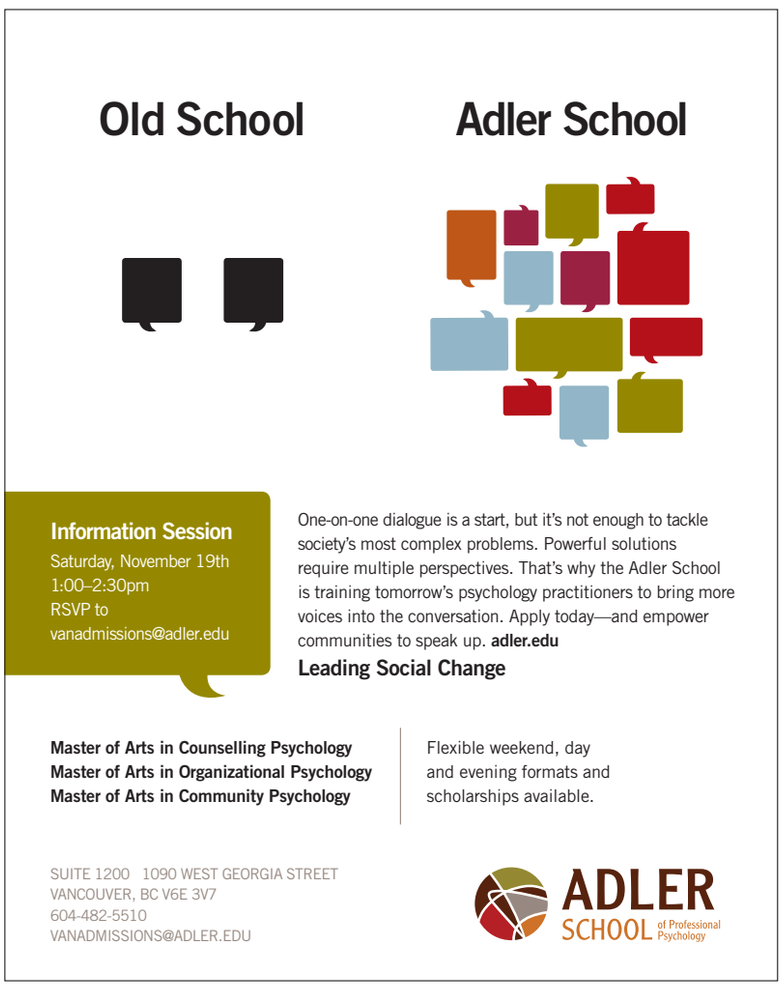
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How do you win in court? It starts with selecting the proper lawyer. But with countless factors to consider, finding the ideal lawyer to navigate your case can be overwhelming. Here are three cautionary tales.

Advertising

A lawyer's search engine rankings have nothing to do with his or her legal skill. Rather, Internet-based advertising allows lawyers to pay for and then snatch up high rankings on Google that are not indicative of the quality of the lawyer or her firm. Similarly, there are no rules limiting lawyers without much experience in employment law from professing that they practise it, on their websites and in the media, and they often do.

Free consultations

Some lawyers advertise "free" consultations. These can be a sham. A free consultation is usually nothing more than a bait and switch tactic, designed to get you in the door and then convince you to spend money for any substantive work performed afterward.

Oral agreements

The biggest problem most people face with lawyers is their billing practices. This is because the regulatory bodies that oversee lawyers have few restrictions governing how they charge for their work. Lawyers are often left to their own devices, charging clients based on any combination of their time spent or the result obtained. If asked, a lawyer should predict to the best of his or her ability the potential costs of your case. Then confirm that arrangement in writing.

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7 ways to give your career some direction

Erin Millar and Ben Coli walk students through their post-secondary journey in The Canadian Campus Connection We combed the book to find top tips to help you improve your job prospects

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1 There is more to school than academics

Employers are more impressed with someone who does well in school and outside of it than someone who can boast great marks with no extra-curriculars to show for it. Getting involved on campus demonstrates many traits that are desirable in employers' eyes — time management skills and the ability to multi-task and meet deadlines. It indicates that you possess an interest in the world around you.

2 Plan your career path before you graduate

You shouldn't be expected to know where you want to work when you've only just started university or college. But it's a good idea to make an appointment with your adviser, even if it is to double-check that you're fulfilling your program's requirements. The last thing you want is to discover you have to reschedule your classes or stay back a semester to complete a course.

3 Get to know your professors

You may not love your class. But getting to know your professor could save your career. If you face the common struggle of finding a job after you graduate, your professor could become the strongest reference on your resumé. Who knows you better than the person who saw you every week in class, read your papers and evaluated your work ethic firsthand? And you'll be more interested in what wisdom he or she has to share.

4 Fun electives can boost your resumé

How can a hiring manager forget the promising candidate who, in addition to earning strong marks and joining several clubs, completed a course in video game addiction and the history of gaming at the University of Western Ontario or learned about swing and golf etiquette at Medicine Hat College?

5 Stay healthy — it's important

When it comes down to it, your health matters most. Don't pull an all-nighter, stock up on coffee or force yourself to attend your weekly gym class if you're sick. Stress can take a toll on your health and can create an impact that goes well into your graduate years. Most post-secondary institutions offer a plethora of ways for you to go above preventing illness and into maintaining a healthy state of life.

6 You don't have to choose between university and college

Some programs combine the hands-on, practical experience of college with the theory-based, analytical side of university. Those aspiring to be nurses can opt for a college diploma focusing on skills and experience or a more academic degree from a university. These programs increase a graduate's appeal among employers as their education demonstrates they can thrive in both settings.

7 Don't underestimate the power of your network

You've heard it and you'll hear it again: It's not what you know, it's whom you know. It's essential that you possess a strong work ethic and a passion for what you do, but you'll likely find after graduation that this doesn't seem to be enough to find a job. The friends you make, the people you meet and the advisers you work with on campus can all help you find a job or put you in touch with the right person.

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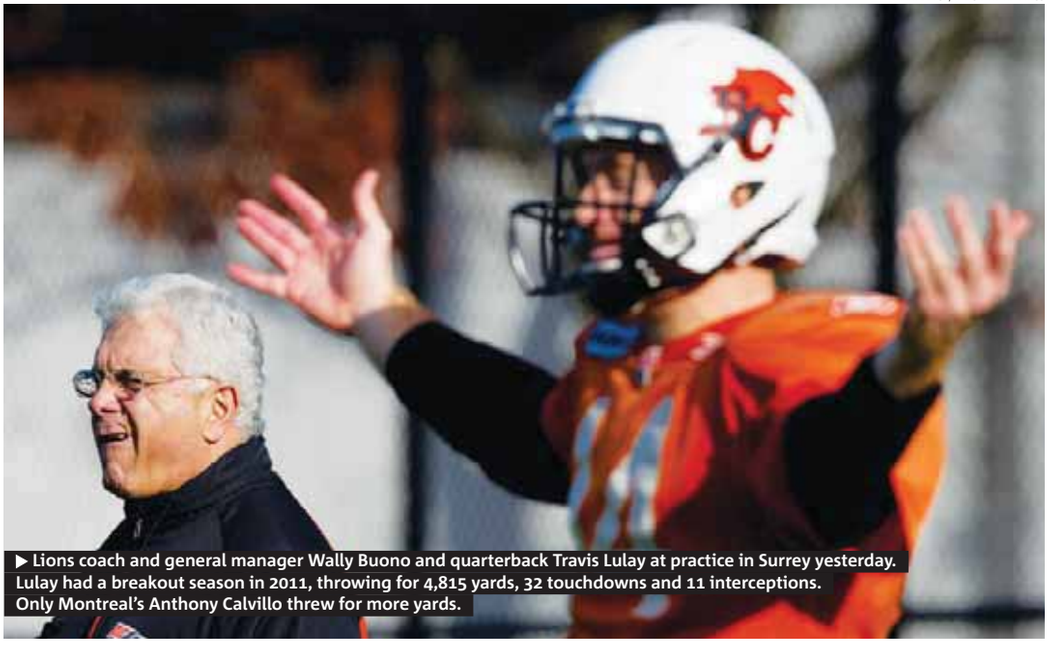

▶ Lions coach and general manager Wally Buono and quarterback Travis Lulay at practice in Surrey yesterday. Lulay had a breakout season in 2011, throwing for 4,815 yards, 32 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. Only Montreal’s Anthony Calvillo threw for more yards.

There are times when Travis Lulay envies the players on defence.

The B.C. Lions quarterback admits he can be “pretty feisty on game day.” The energy and emotion that bubbles up inside him needs to escape like steam from a boiling kettle.

“It is a constant effort to curve that a little bit,” Lulay said yesterday after practice.

“A quarterback is not like a defensive guy where you can just go out and hit somebody on the first play and get rid of some of the energy. I do everything I can to calm myself down before the game.”

How Lulay performs when the Lions face the Edmonton Eskimos in Sunday’s CFL West final at BC Place Stadium will go a long way in determining which team advances to the Nov. 27 Grey Cup in Vancouver.

The Lions beat the Eskimos three out of four times during the regular season and outscored them 130-79.

“There is a confidence level knowing that if we play like we feel we are capable of, we can do good things,” said Lulay.

“At the same time, we know we have to earn every single thing. Nothing is going to come easy because of what has happened in the past.”

Edmonton quarterback Ricky Ray has played in seven playoff games and thrown for over 1,700 yards.

Lulay has started just once for the Lions in the playoffs, a 41-38 overtime loss to the Saskatchewan Roughriders in last year’s West semifinal.

He completed an impressive 28-of-49 passes for 357 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Lulay also ran five times for 39 yards, scored a TD and fumbled once.

The biggest lesson Lulay learned from that game is how missed chances come back to haunt you.

“You have to take advantage of opportunities,” he said. “We felt we had some opportunities in the first half we didn’t quite take advantage of.”

Coach and general manager Wally Buono showed patience with Lulay this season, even when the Lions staggered to a 0-5 start. There were times when the 28-year-old made bad decisions or hurried throws. Buono’s faith has paid off.

Lulay has become more poised in the pocket, has better anticipation of when a receiver will be open and where to throw the ball.

“He’s had 18 games,” Buono said. “He anticipates well, he reads well.

“He has more confidence in everything he does and the guys around him.”

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Bruce moves past police incident

Slotback Arland Bruce addressed his Lions teammates yesterday, after being involved in an incident with police Sunday over a parking infraction.

- “I addressed the team man-to-man and said I’m looking to help this team win. I’m back at practice and looking forward,” he said.
- A Vancouver police spokesman said it’s unlikely there will be any further investigation or that any charges will be laid.

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“It’s nothing serious.”

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Nicklas Lidstrom is well into the back nine of his career — in fact, he’s likely on the 18th green.

When he finally hangs ’em up he’ll leave a void as the league’s best blue-liner and create a regular race for the Norris Trophy. Nashville’s Shea Weber looks like a safe bet to take on the crown, but there’s a buzz along the West Coast that another Swede could take on the role.

When Christian Ehrhoff, who many saw as the Canucks’ best blue-liner last year, departed this off-season, the consensus among pundits was the blow would be softened by the rise of 25-year-old Alex Edler.

Turns out the pundits were right ... offensively, at least. Edler has been everything Ehrhoff was and more through Vancouver’s first 18 games. Ehrhoff led the Canucks D-corps in points last season with 50 in 79 games (0.63 points per game), while Edler has 16 points (three goals, 13 assists, 0.89 PPG) in 2011-12 and is third — by a wide margin — on the squad overall.

His point total also ties him for tops among all defencemen, with Tampa’s Marc-Andre Bergeron, Florida’s Brian Campbell and Ottawa’s Erik Karlsson. Edler’s also second in power play points with 10, just one behind Campbell.

Plus no Canuck sees the ice more than Edler, who averages better than 23 minutes a night.

Those are heady stats to be sure, numbers that put him in the conversation for the Norris (which, for right or wrong, nearly always goes to a man with big point production). However, one stat that jumps out as a big minus for Elder is, well, his minus-1 rating.

All the “O” in the world won’t make you the league’s No. 1 if you don’t show a regular penchant for shutting it down (see Green, Mike). Edler has all the tools to be a force defensively — big, physical, long reach, wits and composure under pressure — so it’s just a matter of consistency. Sometimes brain cramps get the best him and they normally manifest themselves in cringe-worthy giveaways. Will those disappear? In now his fourth full NHL season, the time is soon to put it all together.

The downside is a year-after-year 60- to 70-point D-man. The upside is he’s the next Lidstrom.

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The ZL1 constitutes much more than just unbridled horsepower, but represents a thoroughly sorted out performance platform where nearly every component has been beefed up or completely redesigned to handle the engine's hefty output.

Cabin

Both driver and their front passenger should have no problems stretching out inside the Camaro's generously sized cabin with its power-adjustable heated leather seats with grippy suede-like inserts. They'll also appreciate the sounds from the dual-mode exhaust system that becomes freer flowing (and louder) when the driver opens the taps a bit.

Suspension

The ZL1's suspension employs GM's Magnetic Ride Control, which uses special shock dampers that constantly vary the degree of firmness, according to road and driving conditions.

There are also Tour (soft) and Sport (firmer) settings that the driver can dial in. Most of the remaining suspension components have either been strengthened or swapped out.

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How does the high-performance ZL1 coupe and convertible square with General Motors' greenification program of introducing fuel-sipping electrics, hybrids plus a couple of new ankle-biter sub-compacts?

Well, the eco trend is definitely here to stay, but at the opposite end of the oil barrel, GM's cornerstone division isn't neglecting its involvement in the muscle/ponycar bracket. Although relatively small, the pedal-to-the-metal gunfighter class remains unequivocal in its No Imports Allowed policy.

And in this club the numero uno bylaw states that horsepower rules and absolute horsepower rules absolutely, or at least until another club member ups the ante and overthrows the leader.

The 2011 edition of the Chevrolet Camaro's SS model was rated at 426 horsepower and was certainly nothing to be sneezed at.

But it couldn't catch a cold next to the Dodge Challenger's SRT8 392 that generated 470 horses from its 6.4-litre "Hemi" V-8 engine.

That goes double for Ford Mustang-based Shelby GT500's 550 ponies that emanate from a supercharged 5.4-litre V-8.

With bragging rights on the line, you just had to know that Chevrolet would eventually retaliate.

▶ The convertible ZL1 will arrive after the tin-top model, late enough to deem it a 2013 edition.

▶ There's really not much to do inside other than add some suede inserts to the seats, which act like velcro to keep you planted and in control — somewhat — of 580 horsepower.

Camaro ZL1

What you should know about the 2012 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1:

- **Types:** Two-door, rear-wheel-drive coupe and convertible.
- **Engine (hp):** 6.2-litre OHV V-8, supercharged (580).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual.
- **Market position:** A horsepower and sales war of sorts exists between the three main domestic protagonists for supremacy in the so-called "ponycar" category, with the new Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 firing the latest shot.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 13.5/7.5 (est.).

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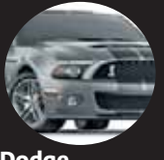
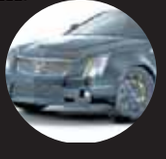
By comparison

Mustang Shelby GT500
Base price: $60,700
Well turned-out high-performance coupe or convertible is ZL1's main rival.



Dodge Challenger SRT8
Base price: $50,500
A Mopar fan favourite that's no slouch in the power department.

Cadillac CTS-V coupe
Base price: $73,000
Great-looking, ultra-quick Caddy that shares its powerplant with the ZL1.



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Final-gen GM minivans should offer reliability

SECOND GEAR

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For many shoppers, the minivan delivers the ultimate in bang-for-the-buck when it comes to moving a family around.

At General Motors, the Chevrolet Uplander and Pontiac Montana SV6 were the most recent offerings to the minivan-seeking masses.

Though cosmetically different, the underlying hardware in the Uplander and Montana were basically identical.

The following information, therefore, applies to both.

2005 to 2009 Pontiac Montana/Chevrolet Uplander

▶ 2005 Pontiac Montana SV6

Engine

Power came from one of two V-6 engines: a 3.5-litre with 200 horsepower, or a 3.9-litre with 240. A four-speed automatic transmission was standard and All Wheel Drive was available.

What owners like

Most owners report a comfortable highway ride, smooth performance, plenty of interior space and a flexible cargo and passenger compartment layout. Gas mileage is rated strongly, relatively speaking.

What owners dislike

Complaints tend to include interior squeaking, rattling and trim wear as the vehicles age, as well as bland and uninspired styling.

Common issues

Problems stated with the newer GM minivan powerplants seem few and far between — and are mainly sensor related. If the engine and transmission's service requirements have been adhered to, if it runs smoothly and if no "check engine" lights are illuminated, you're well on your way. Be sure to "feel" for any transmission slipping — and avoid any model that exhibits it.

Avoid models with power sliding doors. These can be an expensive hassle when they fail.

Verdict

A well-maintained Uplander or Montana should be a machine from which owners can expect solid powertrain reliability, plenty of space and affordable pricing in the used market.

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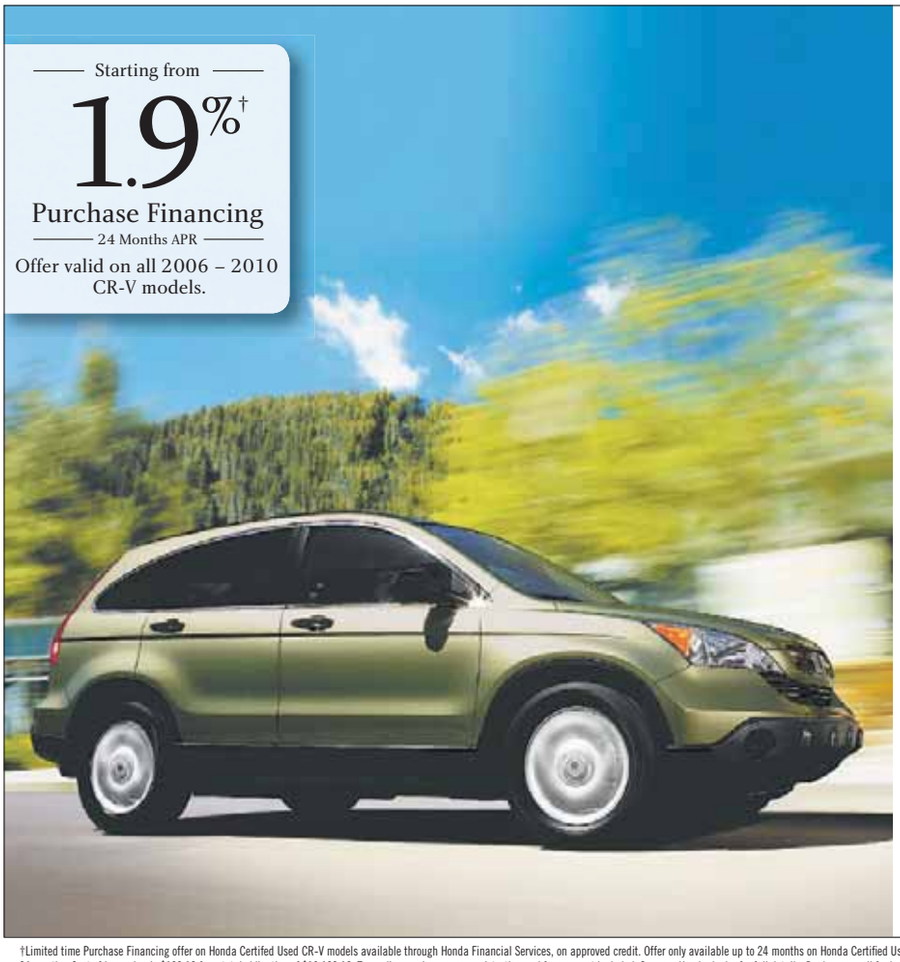

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iQute test

Scion's smart 'city car' lives up to its name

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I found a car that doesn't need reverse gear. Really. The start and end points of a day in the Scion iQ were the same, essentially a circle. All day, I drove, manoeuvred, parked, stopped, started, accelerated and turned.

There were wrong turns, tight turns, U-turns. Reverse gear? Not even once.

Along a meandering and pretty shore road, my drive partner and I did everything we could to throw our test vehicle into the tightest circles possible.

And both of us giggled uncontrollably every time.

The 2012 Scion iQ has a turning radius of just four metres and in the delicious Hot Lava colour, it matched my Kate Spade bag quite nicely, thank you very much.

Thinking about spending the day in the world's smallest four-seater, I have to admit that I was a little apprehensive since I'm almost six feet tall. Would I have to be pried out of the thing? Would I be sporting bruised temples, ankles, elbows and a pretzeled spine?

First off, it might technically have four seats, but the back is strictly for toddlers and passengers of the canine variety. If I dared suggest any of our three leggy daughters sit back there, I would get dirty looks and plenty of eye-rolling.

We most certainly were not in Alabama in mid-July, but, on our drive day, we were treated to an unseasonably warm day and the world's smallest air-conditioning system handled it with aplomb.

Scion, the youthful offshoot of its Toyota parents, boasts that the iQ, in direct competition with Italian-heartstring-tugging Fiat 500 and Germany's Smart ForTwo, has the flattest gas tank, no thicker than a can of soda and half as thick as standard gas tanks.

The "iQute" also has the world's first rear-window airbag, which is proper because if you're in that back seat, you want to know that there's something between grave danger and your head.

I spent equal time in the driver's seat and in the passenger seat of the iQ.

The passenger's side is interesting and innovative. There is no glove box. A drawer that slides out from under the seat takes care of that storage requirement.

On the driver's side, the seat and positioning are comfortable. Enough room for long legs and arms and plenty of head room for those days when my hair is oh-so-'80s.

Acceleration is surprisingly rapid. Although the passing lanes on the winding roads of our driving route were short, the iQ didn't hesitate. It felt confident and sure-footed while enjoying a small spurt of 115 km/h on the highway.

You just have to keep in mind that 94 horsepower is 94 horsepower. The iQ doesn't think it's bigger than it is but, like the ad says, it is bigger than you think.

I like the Scion iQ's micro size yet macro personality. When you're in it, there is no sign of a Napoleon complex. The iQ is small and proud of it.

I like the way the tires are jauntily pushed out to the edge of the vehicle. I like the smooth seat-gliding levers on either side of the passenger chair. And, even though I didn't see them, I like the class-leading 11 airbags as well as the great fuel economy.

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▶ The iQ doesn't weigh all that much, so the 94-horsepower engine feels stronger, relatively speaking.

Scion family

▶ The fun and funky family of Scion cars has been on sale in North America since 2003 and in Canada for the last couple of years. The brand has made an impact, with 800,000 of its cuties roaming the roads. The three siblings of the iQ are the hatchback xD, the boxy but heartwarming xB and the sporty tC two-door coupe.

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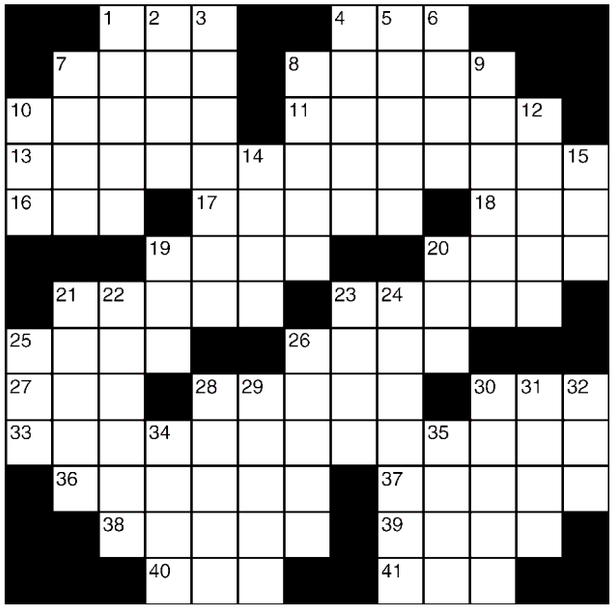

Across

1 "Bam!"
4 Altar affirmative
7 Consequently
8 Dodge
10 Decorate
11 Eateries
13 Good thing with a bad element
16 Pigpen
17 Beethoven's "Für — "
18 Slithery squeezer
19 Chow
20 Galley supply
21 Nervous
23 Move laterally
25 Humdinger
26 Finished
27 — Baba
28 Accumulate
30 Witticism
33 Ambivalence of a sort
36 Sir Isaac who developed a shorthand method
37 Finish
38 Archaeologists' meccas
39 Best pocket pair
40 "Monty Python" opener
41 Beavers' creation

Down

1 Substitute
2 Shrek is one
3 Is curious (about)
4 Wall-climbing plants
5 Thickly populated
6 Mined-over matters
7 Rewrite, maybe
8 Forgo the cue cards
9 — Council ("Survivor" meeting)
10 Mornings (Abbr.)
12 Sleep soundly?
14 Sad
15 Petrol
19 Wildebeest
20 Praise in verse
21 Dutch flower
22 Panacea
23 Mediocre
24 As an alternative
25 Felon's flight
26 Curses
28 Fess up
29 Wherewithal
30 Web surfer's need
31 Responsibility
32 Recipe meas.
34 Needle case
35 Bygone Peruvian

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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8	1	4	7	2	5	9	3	6
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9	5	2	8	3	6	1	4	7
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 With Mars, your ruler, on excellent terms with expansive Jupiter today, there is nothing you cannot accomplish.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You won't lack for courage or confidence today, but make sure they are both well directed.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you promised to do something for a loved one then you must see it through to completion.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Don't waste precious time thinking of what might have been. Start being amazing today. Live for now.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 The planets suggest that if you make an effort, the results will astonish you.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Don't waste time worrying about whether or not you are doing the right thing. If it feels right to you, that's all that matters.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If there is something you should have finished but never got round to completing, have a second crack at it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You can sense that if you want to make changes now is the time to get busy. So don't wait, get to it.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 With Mars and your ruler Jupiter on good terms over the next 24 hours, you can overcome fears.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't waste time on tasks that can be done with your brain stuck in neutral. Be bold and brilliant.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 What you start over the next two or three days will bring great success in the very near future.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. It'll be easy to lose your sense of perspective in the next 24 hours. Control emotions. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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4 SPACIOUS — 2012 ELANTRA TOURING

SPIRIT AND PRACTICALITY, IN PERFECT BALANCE.

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$134† BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT	0% FINANCING FOR 60 MONTHS	$0 DOWN PAYMENT	ELANTRA TOURING L 5-SPEED. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.	HIGHWAY 6.4L/100 KM 43 MPG▼

GLS model shown

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- SPACIOUS, UPSCALE INTERIOR WITH THIRD ROW FOLD-FLAT SEATING
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